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 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
 Education: Alabama 1966 BA; Rutgers 1967 MA; Alabama 1971 JD  
 Began Service: January 4, 1996  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Research Instructor of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (1968-1969); Lecturer in Political Science, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (1972-1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Frank McFadden, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1971-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1981-1995); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1995-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Bell, Richardson, Cleary, McLain & Tucker (1972-1975); Partner, Hornsby, Blankenship, Higgs, Smith & Robinson (1975-1981)

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**Inge P. Johnson**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Alabama 1970 LLM, 1973 JD  
 Began Service: October 23, 1998  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen (1970-1971)

**Judicial:** Municipal Judge, City of Muscle Shoals (1978-1979); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 31st Judicial Circuit (1979-1998)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Dragsted, Kromann, Norregaard & Friis (1970-1971); Partner, Johnson & Johnson (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; United States District Judges Association

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**Karon O. Bowdre**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
 Education: Samford 1977 BA; Cumberland 1981 JD  
 Began Service: November 8, 2001  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Professor, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University (1990-2001)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable J. Foy Guin, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Rives & Peterson (1982-1986); Partner, Rives & Peterson (1987-1989); Of Counsel, Rives & Peterson (1989-1990)

**Staff**

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**R. David Proctor**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1960  
 Education: Carson-Newman 1983 BA; Tennessee 1986 JD  
 Began Service: September 24, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk H. Emory Widener, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1986-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Sirote & Permutt, P.C. (1987-1993); Proctor, Lehr Middlebrooks Price (1993-2003)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

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**L. Scott Coogler**  
 District Judge

Education: Alabama 1981 BA, 1984 JD  
 Began Service: June 3, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (2000-2003)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge Paul Conger, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1984)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1999-2003)

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**Virginia Emerson Hopkins**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
 Education: Alabama 1974 BA; Virginia 1977 JD  
 Began Service: June 2004  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1977-2004)

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**J. Foy Guin, Jr.**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924  
 Education: Alabama 1947 AB, 1947 JD  
 Began Service: 1973  
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** President, Abstract Trust Company, Inc. (1958-1973); Secretary, Iuka TV Cable Company, Inc.; General Counsel, Franklin Federal Savings and Loan; Secretary, Haleyville TV Cable Company, Inc.; General Counsel, First National Bank of Russellville

**Legal Practice:** Senior Partner, Guin, Guin, Bouldin & Porch (1948-1973)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1943-1946)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Law Institute; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Farrah Order of Jurisprudence; Federal Bar Association; Jefferson County Bar Association; Farrah Law Alumni Society, University of Alabama System; World Peace Through Law Center

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**James Hughes Hancock**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
 Education: Alabama 1953 BS, 1957 LLB  
 Began Service: 1973  
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Balch, Bingham, Baker, Hawthorne, Ward & Williams (1957-1973)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1953-1955)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

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**Robert B. Propst**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
 Education: Alabama 1953 BS, 1957 JD  
 Began Service: 1980  
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter



**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilson, Propst, Isom, Jackson, Bailey & Bolt (1957-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Army Finance Corps (1953-1955)

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**William M. Acker, Jr.**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1927  
 Education: Birmingham-Southern 1949 AB; Yale 1952 LLB  
 Began Service: September 1982  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Graham, Bibb, Wingo & Foster (1952-1957); Partner, Smyer, White, Reid & Acker (1957-1972); Partner, Dominick, Fletcher, Yeilding, Acker, Wood & Lloyd (1972-1982)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1946-1947)

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